



Title I Special Populations Competitive Grant (Round 2)

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Request for Applications

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) announces **another opportunity** to apply for the Title I Special Populations Competitive Grant to support local education agencies (LEAs) that receive Title I funds for serving special populations. The purpose of the grant is to serve 3-5 year olds in a preschool or pre-k program to develop school readiness skills or to serve 18-21 year olds in a secondary education program to support college- and career-readiness skills. The only LEAs that are eligible to receive a grant are those LEAs that have met a drawdown rate of 50% or greater for all available Title I funding or all available Title I, II, and III funding by May 17, 2012. Additionally, LEAs must commit to spending all grant funds awarded under this competition by September 30, 2012. LEAs may either apply for grants to support school readiness or college and career readiness. Please note funds must be used to supplement and not supplant existing programs.

School Readiness

LEAs that receive Title I funds may apply for grants to implement supplementary activities that support school readiness, including the development of literacy and cognitive/mathematics skills, with emphasis on supports to students with disabilities, English learners, and students in transitory housing or foster care. The activities outlined should enhance the quality of preschool or pre-k programming.

College and Career Readiness

LEAs that receive Title I funds may apply for grants to support supplementary activities that support college and career readiness, with emphasis on supports to students with disabilities, English learners, and students in transitory housing.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, a local education agency must:

- Receive Title I funds
- Serve 3-5 year olds in a preschool or pre-k program or 18-21 year olds in a secondary education program
- Have drawn-down 50% or more of all open Title I, or Title I, II, and III funds by May 17, 2012
- Identify at least fifty percent of its student body as free or reduced lunch recipients



- Selection Criteria:** The Teaching and Learning team will review the applications against the selection criteria outlined below. Final funding determinations will be made by the OSSE.
- Selection Criteria for Preschool or Pre-k programs serving 3-5 year olds:
- The proposal outlines a clear plan for using the funds by the September 30, 2012 obligation deadline.
 - The activities outlined support school readiness including the development of literacy and cognitive/mathematics skills.
 - The activities outlined enhance the quality of preschool or pre-k programming.
 - The activities outlined are research based.
- Selection Criteria for Secondary Education programs serving 18-21 year olds:
- The proposal outlines a clear plan for using the funds by the September 30, 2012 obligation deadline.
 - The activities outlined support college and career readiness.
 - The activities supplement regular education offerings.
 - The activities outlined are research based.
- Length of Awards:** This is a one- time supplemental grant award. Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2012.
- Available Funding:** The amount available for this award is approximately \$500,000.00. Eligible applicants may apply for up to \$75,000 in funds.
- Assurances:** The applicant will expend all funds by September 30, 2012 and submit monthly reimbursement workbooks, according to the following schedule:
- August 15
 - September 15
 - October 15
 - The applicant will submit a brief final report describing the implementation of the proposal.
 - The applicant will adhere to all federal reporting requirements.
- Application Process:** Subgrantees must submit a narrative detailing the school readiness or college and career readiness project and a budget for the project. An applicant should provide a budget and budget narrative that substantiates the ability to draw-down funds by the end of the September 30, 2012 obligation deadline. The deadline for submission will be **Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. EST**. Applications will be reviewed upon submission. **All applications received after July 10th will be considered in this second round of application reviews. Early submissions are encouraged, late submissions will not be considered.**

Eligible applicants may apply for up to \$75,000 in grant funds. OSSE may award grantees less than the amount they apply for. OSSE will determine the number of grant awards based on the quality of the applications and the available funding. LEAs may be reimbursed for allowable expenditures obligated between the time of the award and September 30, 2012. Grant award payments will be made in accordance with the OSSE's reimbursement policy and the approved grant application. For additional information regarding this competition, please contact Kortne Edogun at Kortne.edogun@dc.gov or (202) 741-0475.